

Mr. John Killers.

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New York

Sir!

The 10th of Jan^r last I received of Mr. Fleming yours, of the 1st of the same month, which I would have answered not more than all those letters wh^{ch} at different times you wrote formerly to me if the above mentioned Mr. Fleming had not given me very advantageous intelligence of you. You ~~must~~ may easily conceive that it must have appeared strange to me to receive enquiries respecting my affairs, of a man utterly unknown to me - and as easily you'll be convinced that inquiries made under such circumstances must have remained unanswered. You wish you say, to receive informations respecting my Land Business in order of being able to answer the repeated inquiries made by those persons who formerly were my Co-interessants! why have those persons, well known to me, not addressed themselves immediately to me this long while ago? Those persons who know me, who know where I am! why didn't they not forward in a proper manner? why did they not their Duty this long while ago? and let me alone all the Dangers, Costs and Burden of a Business which we undertook conjointly under the expectation of mutual Risk & Emolument - But which ^{with} all its Burthen they left me alone so soon as they despaired of reaping any profit by it. Why have these persons declined, or rather distained to answer all my ^{latter} letters and have thus tacitly refused the assistance which I asked of right? an assistance which would have contributed so essentially to the speedy and happy termination of the Business, principally at the time when I found myself put to the necessity of going to England to lay before the Government of the mother Country my Grievance in order thereby to obtain Justice - a step to which I was in duty bound to have proceeded in order of preventing the Damages

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and Lopes of those Persons, who upon our Credit and in Confidence upon the
faith and honour of the Canadian Provincial Government advance their property.

You say further in your last letter you wish to receive Information about
the Situation of my business for the purpose of being enabled to vindicate my
honour which is calumniated by the said Counterparts. No body must
know better than myself if these attempts of depreciating my Character
can be supported or not. Convinced of having acted uprightly I must scorn
idle Chatter - and shall ever scorn it. ~~The wisest~~ wisest the best man
will never, with all possible Rectitude and prudence in his transactions
be able to prevent, that fools or knaves shall after misrepresentation
even his best Actions - As even our allmighty Creator is exempt from being
~~abused~~ ^{abused} with blasphematic impudence.

You are mistaken when you fancy that the reading of my Letters to the
late Dederic Conrad Brauer may subject me to any uneasiness of mind.
I know that the Chief Cause of his Ruin was the Land Speculation in
upper Canada. I lamented his fate sincerely - But this was not my fault
in any way. He and not myself had to know how far his pecuniary
faculties were calculated for supporting and carrying to effect such an
undertaking, and he should not have induced me to believe his co-operating
strength more efficacious than it really was. By Brauer and other
persons I was induced to place myself at the head of a Business for which
I became the only responsible person - the only responsible person, towards
the public and individuals of the Country where the Business was transacted,
and where with unshaken spirit & untiring perseverance I will remain res-
ponsible, considering that in this respect I do fulfill merely and in the strictest
sense my Duty. No man of pure Principles, no man who cherishes in his
bosom feelings for Virtue could have, conceived or could have assumed to suspect
that the Provincial Government of upper Canada should attempt to deceive
any man in such a base - such a shameful manner as I have effectively
been deceived. This however being the case I blamed, knew such an object
behaviour not only verbally and in writing but by means of the public
press in my own name, and I have written all this in my own name by which

could rise the attention of the British Government and to induce them through
my complaints and remonstrations to vindicate its honour by being just in
punishing and redressing transgressions or errors committed by its Agents in
Canada. The same principles which led me thus to conduct my actions bound
me however equally strongly not to withdraw from the stage of action under
the pretence of having been deceived and thereby to abandon those who have
confided their property to my honour and prudence. Always conscious of my
obligation: strictly to adhere to these principles I have cheerfully submitted
to expose myself to the greatest inconveniences, which I have effectively suffered.

Thus however I succeeded at least so far that I was able to pay the
greatest part of those debts which were an inevitable consequence of the
business and the involved circumstance in which it was immersed by the fault
of the provincial Government. But to this heavy load of debts contributed
not less the reluctance to pay their quotas, of those who formerly were con-
nected with me. In this latter instance the case of Mr. Saml. Street
is one of the most striking examples. On request of my former former
counterparts and duly empowered by all of them I have settled through
arbitration the demands of the said Saml. Street which amounted to a very
considerable sum, and was so happy of reducing this sum almost to the half.

In consequence and conformable to my instructions and power I gave to
S. Street Bills of Exchange upon New York for the balance due to him -
But these bills have never been paid, and in consequence of this neglect he
was brought to the very verge of ruin. After my return from England
my principal endeavour was to pay those debts for which I was justly con-
sidered responsible in both the Province of Canada and in this endeavour
I was successful in the greatest part as already above mentioned. So soon
as my presence was not more of any absolute and essential use in Upper
Canada I retired from thence to Montreal in the bosom of my family
provided without exception of all means of subsistence but those consisting
in my increased liabilities. These latter I have successfully managed for
more than fifteen months.

not only to Subsist with my Family but also for paying by degrees the re-
-maining of the Debts, of which I have already again paid a considerable part.

Thus I am resolved to continue until not a farthing can be asked with
Right from me: provided I am not prevented from so doing by a
premature Death. Government may act justly or unjustly with me.
But if the British Government does me that Justice which I have an
undoubted Right to Claim not only the above endeavour will be crowned
with Success but I shall then be able to prove to the World how much
I am entitled and was always entitled to for my own Calumination
or mistaken explanation of my Conduct.

The Contents of this Letter will I apprehend afford you sufficient means
of answering completely those questions already made and all further
questions which may hereafter be made by those who call themselves my
Co-interpreters and whom I will gladly acknowledge as such if they resolve
to Cooperate with me - If they resolve to carry the burthen is as I do and
to reap the benefit with me if ever there may be obtained any. you will
very sensibly oblige me by making known the Contents of this Letter as
much as ever possible. There may be made any further inquiries in
the premises or not.

I am Sir

your very humble obed^t Servant
Sig^d William Perezzy

P.S. The above Letter I have send you in German Language
through Mr. Fleming who brought me yours and this Translation
in English I give to young Mr. Prohisher. either of them I hope
will safely reach you and I not have the same but's all those
Letters, not. I have wrote to the Persons who now have
through my business.